

**TELEFAX**REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 17-19 are currently pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Election/Restrictions

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants confirm the election of claims 1-11 (Group I). New claim 17 comprises the features of original claims 12-15, now redrafted to depend on claim 7. New claims 18 and 19 were added and constitute node claims with the same features as claim 1. Applicants submit that these claims are allowable as they relate to interrelated inventions.

In view of the abovementioned remarks, Applicants respectfully request favourable action for all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present patent application is now in condition for favourable action. Should the Examiner wish to further discuss the present response or patent application, the undersigned can be reached at (514) 345-7900 ext. 2596.

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Respectfully submitted,

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